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Adinolfi Opposes “Flawed” Budget Package



Massive Increase In Taxes and Spending Hurts Taxpayers and Businesses

HARTFORD - State Representative Al Adinolfi (R-Cheshire) today voted in opposition to the biennial budget proposed by the majority Democrats. Citing the massive increase in taxes, and the refusal of Democrats to reign in spending, Adinolfi stated he had no choice to oppose a budget that hurts taxpayers and will cripple business.

“Once again, the legislature has abdicated its primary responsibility of choosing budget priorities for the state, and have chosen the easy way out by increasing taxes, while increasing spending,” said **Representative Adinolfi**. “This budget increases spending 8.9%, cuts absolutely no spending, and blows through the Constitutional spending cap by \$110 million.”

Adinolfi noted that the budget spends \$650 million of the \$700 million surplus, and includes \$738 million in new taxes.

“One of the biggest problems I have with this budget, apart from the fact that it robs taxpayers and cripples business, is that it assigns a bed tax for patients in nursing homes who can’t toilet themselves, have to be fed and in most cases are confined to bed or a wheel chair,” said Representative Adinolfi. “That’s not what I would call compassionate.”

Adinolfi also noted that on the face of it, it appears that the 103rd district will get more money from the budget. “There is more money to the 103rd District in aid,” said **Representative Adinolfi**. “However, the budget takes more than ever from my district through increased taxes, increased business surcharges. The towns I represent are losers in this budget.”

Adinolfi observed that the budget also contains a set-aside slush fund of \$18 million, which could not be explained adequately by the Appropriations or Finance Committee chairs.

“The Democrats defeated an amendment to give a tax break to Veterans with some of those funds,” said **Representative Adinolfi**. “I guess it’s more important to them to pass out political patronage and favors than it is to support those who served our nation. On the 61st anniversary of D-day, it’s especially insulting.”